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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF
TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW ON NOVEMBER 7, 2005**

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This is a Statement of the Substance of the telephonic interview which occurred on November 7, 2005 regarding the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2005.

Claims discussed

All claims in general.

Prior art discussed

Shim et al. (US 6,372,283), Sass (US 6,383,215), Vaartstra et al. (US 6,435,798), Vallana et al. (US 5,370,684), Leidner et al. (US 6,056,993), and Bergmann (US 5,855,684).

Summary of Discussion

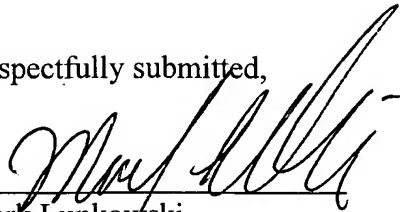
Applicant asserted that the claims were directed to a liquid coating system (in light of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, sixth paragraph and the structure disclosed in the specification). Applicant pointed out prior art was directed to a vapor deposition system and not a liquid coating system. The Examiner indicated that she and her supervisor had decided that the invention was unpatentable prior to the interview. Examiner indicated that the application would be directed to the Board of Patent Appeals for a final determination of patentability.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0297.

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